A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three

months to and including January 1, 2004, in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 1,

2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed, which is the

process fee for a three-month extension of time for a large entity status. If the check is

inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required

for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein,

the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski

Deposit Account No. 50-1212/ESSR:058US.

Respectfully submitted,

Reg. No. 37,259

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